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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Mehregany et al.

Docket No.:

47799.00003

Application No.:

09/677,197

Group Art Unit:

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Kambiz Abdi

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH

AND DEVELOPMENT

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Herewith is a response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on June 15, 2005. The response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions to extend the time for response two months (Notice of Appeal was previously filed) to April 17, 2006 (Monday), and enclose the required petition fee.

[X] Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

	Claims		Highest		Present				Additional
	remaining after amendment		number previously paid for		Extra				Fee
Total Effective Claims	15	Minus	25	=	0	х	\$ 50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	х	\$200.00		\$0.00
							Subtotal:		\$0.00

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Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

]	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$	120.00
$\tilde{[}$	X]	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$	450.00
Ī]	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$	1020.00
Ī	Ī	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$	1590.00
Ĩ	j	Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$ 2	2160.00
			Subtotal:	\$ 450.00
		of the "small entity" boxes above is checked, enter half (1/2) second subtotal and subtract.	\$	225.00
		TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED:	\$	225.00
[]	X]	Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.	225.00	
[]	A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. check in the amount of \$	is att	ached.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R.§\$1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 17, 2006

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